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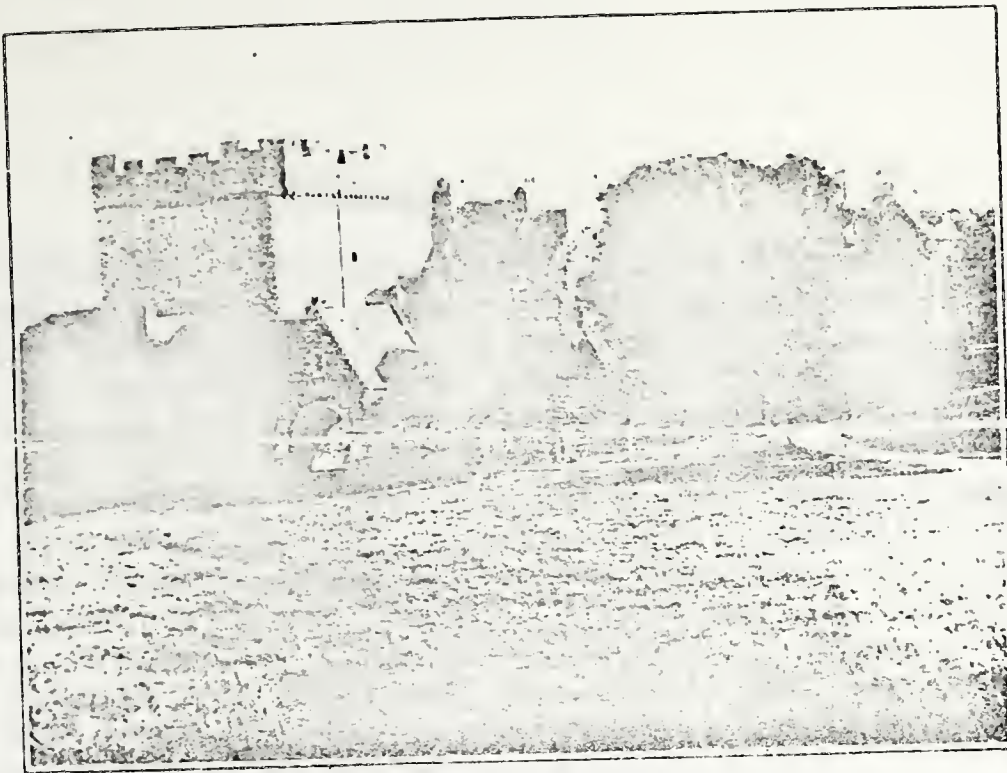
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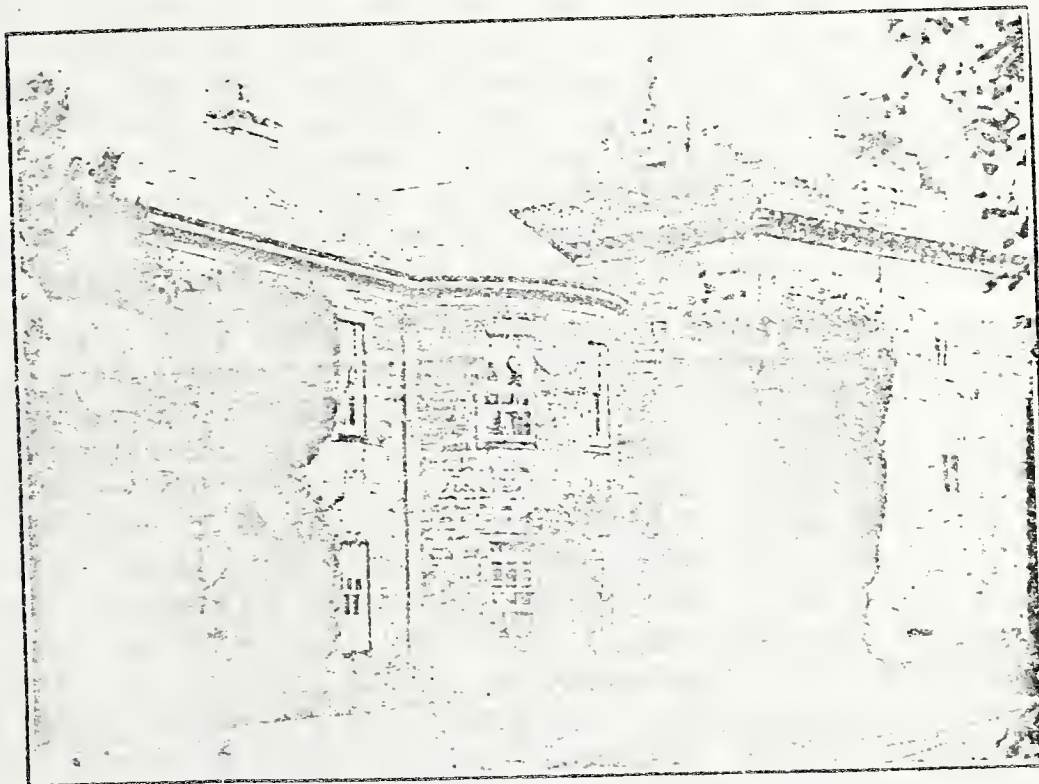
*W. Irving Colonel  
of New York*

J. B. IRVING





ANCIENT SEAT OF THE IRWINS OF SCOTLAND—Drum Castle bestowed by Robert Bruce on Sir William de Irwin in 1306—Photograph presented to Admiral John Irwin of the United States Navy by Colonel J. B. D. Irwin—Now in possession of Hamilton Library, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, courtesy of Irwin Mahon



BONSHAW TOWER, SEAT OF IRVING CLAN IN IRELAND—Built prior to 1020 and attached to castle house erected in 1770—Now occupied by chief of clan, Colonel John Paulin Irving whose recent investigations trace the family to 373 A. D.





## Irwin Lineage

The name, "Erivine", "Irwine", "Irving", or "Irwin", comes from the ancient Celto-Sythich word, Erin-biene, which signifieth a true or brave westland man. For "Erin", both in old Gaelic and Welsh language signifieth "the west" therefore Ireland is at this day called "Erin" by both its ancient inhabitants and those of Albion, because its situation is west of Albion. "Biene" or "fiene" signifieth "himself", which by way of excellency is as much to say a resolute or worthy man. There are many ways of spelling the name and the same families spelled the name differently, but all were probably descended from the same. The earliest inhabitants of Britain were the Celts, who formed the vanguard in the great westland migration of the Indo-European or Aryan nations. This family was divided into two branches, the Gaelic and the Cyric. To the Gaelic belonged the Irish and the Highlanders of Scotland and to the Cyric the Welsh, the inhabitants of Brittany, and the ancient Gauls, whose language prove them to belong to the Cyric and Gaelic races. The Celts were people of the forest. They were the primitive inhabitants of the south and west of Europe and came to Ireland at different times and places from Britain. The Gaelic branch of the Celtic family came from the Isle of Man in Wales. In Ireland the Gaelic language prevailed and was the language of nearly half million Scotch Highlanders. In 367 Theodosius, a Roman general, was sent into Britain to defend the Britons of the south against the attack of the men of the north, under the valiant Fergusin, afterward King Fergus, in about year 400. The Picts and Scots, being weary with the Roman tyranny, joined in making Fergus, King of the Scots by name of Fergus the 2nd. And by him the possessions of the Irvines were restored to them. Cruine Erivine, to whom the fore-said possessions belonged by right of inheritance, was Abthane of Dule, the highest title of honor there is in Scotland. Being a man of great note and authority in those days, he married Beatrix, eldest daughter and heiress of Malcolm 2nd, King of Scotland. Their son, Duncan, mounted the throne after the murder of his grand-father, King Malcolm. The country now was called Cunningham (Ayrshire), or Kings home. This country was divided into several families. The kindred of Cruine Erivine (Irving) acquired large possessions in this territory and transferred the name of Irving from Ayrshire to Dumfriesshire, that formed the original settlement of the Irving clan, to the district that lay close to the English border and embraced Armandale Berdele, Scotland. The castle of Irving, situated on the river of the same name in Ayrshire, was the ancient seat or head of the Celtic domain, whose chieftains ruled the neighboring country. On its site arose at a subsequent period, the town of Irvine. Its great antiquity appears from an old Scottish state paper of the reign of King Robert the 2nd, when the occasion of a dispute arising about the town of Irvine, that the King ordered a search to be made into records of the Kingdom, and as result declared in Royal Charter, dated April 8, 1372, it was clearly found that from time immemorial Irving had been in possession of the whole Barony of Cunningham and Barony of Largs. When King David first succeeded to the Scottish throne in 1124 his close connection with Henry 1st of England attached him closely to the Normans, and their institutions, so he introduced the feudal system in Scotland and encouraged the settlement of Normans through the country. He granted to his





Norman friend, Robert de Brus, the feudal tenure of all Annandale. He thus became the liege lord or immediate sovereign to whom allegiance and proprietary rights in the first instance belonged. These Norman settlers intermarried with the Irvines, Kirkpatricks, Carruthers, Murrays, and others in Annandale. It was then that the "de" was placed in front of the name as de Irwin, as can be seen in the chart given to William de Irving by King Robert de Brus. A copy therefore is kept in "Advocates Library", Edinburgh. Ayrshire river borough is called a royal one. It is on the Irwine river and is of ancient fame. It was especially favored by the great Catholic king, Robert Bruce, who granted it a charter in reward for the devotions of the people to his interests. One stormy night, 1298, King Robert Bruce, in his flight from the pursuit of King Edward Long Shanks of England, went to Bonshaw tower where lived some of the Irvings. He was kindly received and entertained. When the Irvings learned that King Edward had discovered Bruce's hiding they took him down the Kirtle three miles and nearer to England, there hid him in a cave in the rocks of the banks of the river. It is said this cave continues in the river. When King Edward reached the tower and found Bruce gone, he dashed on through Scotland thus Bruce escaped capture. When Bruce left the tower, he took with him one of the Irvings of Bonshaw's youngest sons and made him his armor bearer and in 1313, when firmly seated on his throne gave this William de Irving, for his fidelity in prosperity and adversity, the castle land and forest of Drum. These lands are still held by the Irvings of Drum and the parchment signed by Bruce is still extended. Before 1680 the Irvings of Bonshaw came from Ayrshire and their old castle now gives name to the tower of Irving. The mansion house of Bonshaw was built in 1770. The tower stands on an almost sheer and rocky precipice about one hundred feet above the Kirtle water. In front is a gun terrace with six old guns and cannon balls. On the right is a deep ravine with auburn flowing through it over which is a water fall. The walls in the thinnest place are six feet through. Near the old Jett, or entrance gate, is carved the sacred motto, "Soli Deo, Honor et-Floriae." You enter a single hall about six feet square, communicating with the old retainers kitchen on the one side and the old "whoet" stair on the other. From the covered roof of the hall hangs down about eighteen inches or two feet, an eight-sided stone like a vast coil. It has on it in ancient Hebrew raised letters "I. V. S." in monogram. This is called the Crusaders Stone and was brought from the walls of the old temple at Jerusalem, by one of the Irvings who was one of the first crusaders in 1100; this stone was taken to Rome, blessed by the Pope, and then placed in the tower as described and is supposed to give a blessing to all of the Irving blood who pass under it.

In 1917 an America flag was sent to Colonel John . Irving, Chief of the Irving Clan at Leclefechan, Dumfriesshire, Ireland, in charge of Bonshaw tower. Letter from the Secretary of American Society of Irvings, Frank J. Irvine of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, is here given: My dear Chieftain: Four America Clanfolk, members of the Irvine Society of America, eager to give their venerable and hereditary chieftain a good excuse give of their loyalty to, and sympathy for him and the whole country, kindred and allies are forwarding to you an America flag. It bears their wish and hope that the Stars and Stripes may long float below the banner of Saints George and Andrew, from the flagstaff of Bonshaw Tower, the cradle





of the Irvine race and clan. Frank C. Irvine.  
Reply: Bonshaw Tower, Kirttlebridge, Dumfriesshire, Ireland  
to the Irvine Society of America: My dear Clansman: The flag arrived safely, and I am very proud to have it, and shall gladly fly it now and then, and treat with all honor. I am up to my neck in work, and am once more at my old profession. I have been in uniform, and soldiering again. Although in my 74th year, and a great pleasure it has been to me to find I can still be of use to God, King, and country. I have been recruiting and have raised and am commanding the "Dumfriesshire regiment." I am also Chairman Territorial Association of Dumfriesshire and County Commandant Dumfriesshire. On Dec. 11, 1926, I commanded two thousand at Lockerbie for Lord French and got great praise. I was especially pleased at being gazetted County Commander of the old County. It is like old days back again. On May 18, 1927 I was commanded to attend at Balmoral to be presented to the King and Queen. The King asked me what service I had, I replied "thirty-three years, your Majesty." They both then shook hands with me and the King thanked me for what I had done. On Dec. 5, 1917 I went into Glasgow to take the chair at the Y. M. C. A. hut or hall to hear a lecture of the "Great War," and see pictures of it, by Mr. Watts of Glasgow, a most interesting man, who at sometime during the war he had been to every front. The audience was a large one, hardly standing room. When it came my turn, with a few remarks, I read them your letters about the flag, and it was received with loud cheers. Then I unfurled you cheers. I wish you could have heard them. Then my pipers played all Your old Chief's blessing to you all.

(Col.) John B. Irvine.

First Battalion Dumfriesshire Volunteer Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Irvine of Castle Farleigh, now of Castle Irvine came from Christopher Irvine of Lobigill Tower, near to Bonshaw and is grandson of Irvine of Bonshaw. He left Lobigill and went to Bermerghagh, Ireland in 1610 and founded the first Irish Branch of the Clan, now the Irvines of Castle Irvine, and Irvines of Killeas.

The Scotch-Irish blood in America has been a strong influence in the moulding of national character. In Virginia and Pennsylvania and along the Alleghany and Blue Ridge mountains, the firmness, the courage, and thrift of the ancient class have been grafted into character for many generations. Recent investigations in Scotland and Ireland prove that among the founders of the American Republic were some of the strongest strains of blood in the old world. On this anniversary of the founding of the city of Philadelphia, it is appropriate to record the results of researches which reveal that among the most loyal patriots of Pennsylvania were sons of historic Bonshaw Castle and intimate associates and cousins of King Bruce. These sons fought in the American Revolution and sat in the halls of Continental Congress. This is the blood that came to America and entered into laying the foundation of American Republic. This is the blood whose progeny today is still participating in the daily building of the greatest nation of the earth. The Irvines of America today number many thousands. May the progeny always be loyal



to its name and nation.

The coat of arms, consisting of three laurel leaves with the motto, "Sub-Sol, Sub umbera viren" was presented to William Irvine by Robert Bruce and adopted by the Irvine clan of America as their insignia.





John Irwin Sr. came from county antrim, Ireland about year 1760 and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. In hunting through the Revolution records we find in "Pennsylvania Archives", (fifth series, vol. fourth. page 629.) John Irwin, private of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, under list of soldiers of the Revolution who received for their services under the title, "Rangers on the Frontier 1778-1883."

This story has been handed down from one generation to the next. Two Irwin brothers were in the service having charge of the supply wagon. Their mother had given these two boys pewter spoons. The boys melted the spoons and inserted the pewter in the butt of their whip. They were overtaken by the British and these two brothers knocked many of the British off their horses with this whip. The British officers commended them highly for their bravery and allowed them to keep their whips.

The Irwins, Findleys, and Douglasses migrated across the mountains from eastern Pennsylvania to western Pennsylvania. The Irwins settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, near Greensburg, while the Findleys and Douglasses settled in Allegheny county near the "forks of Youghougheny." John Irwin married Margaret Fulton and died in 1795 and is buried in Barren Run Cemetery near Scottdale, Pennsylvania. After the death of her husband, the wife, Margaret, moved from the fork of Goughougheny and died in 1833 and is buried in Round Hill Cemetery. Some of the family name continues to live near Elizabeth. Mary married Abel Findley and moved to Ohio. John married first, Sarah La Fever. His second wife was Ann McConnell. All are buried in Round Hill Cemetery.

Henry married Catherine Johnston. Henry died June 1826 and is buried in Round Hill Cemetery. Catherine (Johnston) Irwin later married James McConnell. Catherine Irwin died April 1863 and is buried in Farmington, Illinois Cemetery. The Irwins were members of the Bethesda United Presbyterian Church. To the union of Henry Irwin and Catherine were five children, Margaret Ann, Sydney, Larmer, Betty Elinor, who died about 1860, and John and Martha.



John Irwin married Margaret Fulton and to this union five children were born. The Fultons came from the north of Ireland and the following was sent to the author by Rebecca E. Fulton-Linn. They were originally from Scotland but had been a couple of hundred years in northern Ireland, Abram Fulton seems to have been the head of the family although he was the fourth child. He had four brothers and two sisters, James, Henry, Robert, Joseph, Margaret, and Mary. James and Robert came to America before 1767. Robert remained in America while James went back to Ireland to assist in bringing the rest of the family to America as the parents were too aged to look after the family. The parents were between 45 and 60 years of age. They shipped at Derry, Ireland for New York. Owing to storms and other hindrances they were 16 weeks on the ocean and landed at Baltimore. The sister, Mary, married John Boyd in Ireland and came with the family and settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. The family coming from Ireland was our great-great-grandfather Abraham. No name of wife was given. Both are buried at Mt. Pleasant County Church, Pennsylvania.

Washington County, Pennsylvania history says Margaret Fulton was nine years old when the Fulton family came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania and the family were member of the Covenanters Church. They settled near Greensburg where Margaret married John Irwin and lived there until his death when she, with her children moved into the Allegheny county and what was termed the "forks of Foughougheny." The early Fultons suffered many hardships being driven many times from their home by the Indians. Mrs. Linn visited the home of the Fultons in Ireland and saw the home with the low thatched roof of the houses at Articlun. She also visited the church and saw the pew occupied by members of the family for over 200 years. Presbyterians Reformed are so called in America. A copy of the church certificate has been kept by Mrs. Rebecca Linn who is a descendant of Abraham Fulton.

"Church Certificate." This is to certify that Abraham Fulton with his family are now removing from this county to the continent of America. This is to inform whom it may concern that they were born and lived until this date thereof in this parish and behaved in a sober and Christian manner and now leaves us free from any public scandal or church censure.

Certified at Articlun in the Kingdom of Ireland this 26th day of May 1772 by William Knox, B. D. H. (William Caldwell and Robert Guthrie, Elders.)





Irwin Ejectment

Monahela River Coal & Coke Co.

Margaret Irwin died Jan. 12, 1833 leaving a will dated Oct. 4, 1831 devising as follows: After all my just debts are paid which are not to be paid out of my personal estate I give to my grand-daughter, Margaret Douglass my newest bed and bedding; to Isabella Douglass, my bureau and part of my clothing and bedding; to my two daughters, Susannah Douglass and Mary Findley, I give all my sheep; to my grand-daughter, Margaret Ann Irwin, to my grand-daughter, Margaret Findley, and Grand-son, John Findley all the rest of my personal property. I give to my three grand-sons, John Brady Irwin, Joseph Irwin, and Henry Fulton Irwin, sons of my son, John, all of my real estate and farm subject to the following debts and legacies. I will and direct that my executors to pay out of my real estate all of my just debts and funeral expenses. I will out of my real estate to Elizabeth Addams and Margaret Addams \$20.00 each to be paid in one year after my decease by my executors. I will to each of Catherine's children one pocket-Bible to be given them in reasonable time after my decease. To my grand-son, John Findley, and grand-daughter, Margaret Findley \$20.00 each to be paid by my executors in two years after my decease. To my three grand-sons, John Douglass, Robert Douglass, and William Douglass \$33.33 each to be paid by my executors in three years and four years after my decease and after the above debts and legacies are paid up and out of my real estate I will and direct that my son, John Irwin live the remainder of his life on the farm free of any charge or expense if he thinks proper and at his death if he lives until his three sons name aforesaid are of age the place is to belong to them as joint tenants or if my son, John Irwin should die before they are of age I direct my son-in-law, Robert Douglass should take care and charge of the place applying the proceeds thereof to them until they are of age, then deliver the place over to them and I authorize them, my three grand-sons, aforesaid when of lawful age to sell and convey the same as I could do it living if they shall think proper should their father be dead and lastly I appoint my son, John Irwin and my son-in-law, Robert Douglass my executors, etc.

Signed and sealed, etc. Margaret M. Irwin.

This farm spoken of continues in the Irwin name having been in the name over 100 years at this time (1929).



Irwin, Margaret Ann, daughter of Henry Irwin and Catherine (Johnston)

Irwin. Born July 20, 1816

Married William McCrea May 30, 1837

Children of Margaret and William McCrea

McCrea, William Jr. b--Feb. 9, 1839

McCrea, Catherine b--Jan. 12, 1841

McCrea, James Henry b--May 1844--Died Sept. 1860

McCrea, Walter Findley b--April 10, 1847

McCrea, Sarah Margaret b--May 31, 1849

McCrea, William Sr. died Aug. 1, 1886

McCrea, Margaret (Irwin) died Aug. 27, 1888

Buried in Winchester, Kansas.

McCrea, William Jr. b--Feb. 9, 1839 married Oct. 31, 1861 Hannah Hood.

Children of William Jr. and Hannah Hood McCrea

McCrea, Adam Hood b--April 14, 1863

McCrea, Maggie Letitia b--April 19, 1864

McCrea, William Henry b--Feb. 3, 1866

McCrea, John Findley b--Dec. 29, 1867

McCrea, McLeod Wilson b--Nov. 5, 1869

McCrea, Thomas Robb b--Feb. 13, 1872

All born in Louise county, Iowa

McCrea, William Jr. Second marriage. Margaret Paris. Married. One child.

McCrea, Lora Hannah Elizabeth b--June 24, 1882

McCrea, Hannah Hood died Aug. 17, 1873

McCrea, William Jr. died Aug. 24, 1908

McCrea, Margaret Paris died April 18, 1923

All born in Winchester, Kansas and buried in Winchester, Kansas.

McCrea, Adam Hood b--April 14, 1863 married Feb. 13, 1889 Clara D. Blair

Children of McCrea, Adam H. and Clara D. (Blair)

McCrea, Sadie Roberta b--Nov. 24, 1890

McCrea, Clara Grace b--Aug. 8, 1893

McCrea, Edith Margaret b--Oct. 25, 1896

McCrea, Hannah Blanche b--Aug. 30, 1898

McCrea, Edith Margaret b--Oct. 25, 1896 died April 15, 1914

McCrea, Sadie Roberta b--Nov. 24, 1890 died Feb. 10, 1919

McCrea, Clara Grace b--Aug. 8, 1893 married Maxwell, Roy B. Sept. 26, 1922

One child

Maxwell, Richard Eugene b--Aug. 20, 1927

McCrea, William Henry, son of William Jr. and Hannah Hood b--Feb. 3, 1866

married Elizabeth Margaret McKenny June 1, 1897

Children

McCrea, Martha Lord b--April 6, 1898

McCrea, Charles Edgar b--July 24, 1899

McCrea, William James b--Aug. 20, 1905

McCrea, Martha Lord b--April 6, 1898 married Bell, Frank M.

Children 2

Bell, Glenn M. b--Jan. 14, 1926

Bell, Martha Florine b--July 7, 1927





Born in Valley Falls, Kansas.

McCrea, John Findley, son of William and Hannah (Hood) McCrea b--Dec. 29, 1867

Married Alberta Craig Aug. 13, 1902

One child

McCrea, Mary Gladys b--July 29, 1903

McCrea, McLeod Wilson, son of William and Hannah McCrea (Hood) b--Nov. 5, 1869

Married Ethel French Aug. 18, 1897

One child

McCrea, Fred Leland b--Jan. 1, 1900

Married Florence Black May 12, 1926

Child

McCrea, Robert Taylor b--May 23, 1927

Born in Winchester, Kansas.

McCrea, Thomas Robb, son of William and Hannah (Hood) McCrea b--Feb. 13, 1872.

Married Ida M. Dill May 2, 1894

Children 5

McCrea, Hannah Agnes b--April 16, 1895

McCrea, John William b--March 3, 1897

McCrea, Iona Wylie b--Oct. 18, 1900

McCrea, Frieda Lucille b--Nov. 22, 1906

McCrea, Hannah Agnes b--April 16, 1895

Married June 21, 1923 Cory, Archie B.

Children of Hannah (McCrea) Cory and Cory, Archie B.

Cory, William Robb b--April 17, 1924

Cory, Floyd Burton b--June 26, 1926

Born near Winchester, Kansas.

McCrea, Iona Wylie b--Oct. 18, 1900 married Stevens, Charlie M. Oct, 10, 1923

McCrea, Frieda Lucille b--Nov. 22, 1906 married Thompson, Adlai S. Aug. 25, 1923

Children

Thompson, Adlai Abran b--Dec. 18, 1924

Thompson, Frieda Louise b--Feb. 28, 1927

McCrea, Catherine, daughter of Margaret Ann Irwin and William McCrea Sr. was born Jan. 18, 1841. Married James S. Hood Dec. 6, 1866.

Children

Hood, Joseph Elliott b--Aug. 22, 1869

Hood, Katie b--Jan. 17, 1871

Hood, William McCrea b--July 22, 1873

Hood, James Henry b--April 9, 1875

Hood, Ella Nora b--June 12, 1877 died Nov. 10, 1881

Hood, Anna Margaret b--Nov. 7, 1879 died Nov. 4, 1881

Hood, Catherine McCrea died Jan. 18, 1901

Hood, James S. died Jan 17, 1891

Hood, Joseph Elliott b--Aug. 22, 1869 married Rachel Cole Jan. 11, 1894.

Children



Hood, James Archie b--July 9, 1895 near Stocton, Nebraska.  
Hood, Harley b--Jan. 12, 1898 near Stocton, Nebraska.  
Hood, George Washington b--Feb. 22, 1900 near Liberty, Nebraska.  
Hood, Stella May b--July 24, 1902, died 1905  
Hood, Della Ione b--July 14, 1904, married.  
Hood, Nellie Elizabeth b--Aug. 6, 1905  
Hood, Joseph Edward b--April 18, 1920

Hood, Katie b--Jan. 17, 1871 married Eastwood March 1, 1899

Children

Eastwood, Edna Mae b--Nov. 18, 1901  
Eastwood, Roy Hood b--June 18, 1907  
Eastwood, Lester Alfred b--Aug. 23, 1909

Near Corning, Iowa.

Hood, James Henry b--April 9, 1875 married Eva May Wing July 23, 1902

Child

Hood, Leola Aileen b--Aug. 28, 1911

Hood, William McCrea b--July 22, 1873 married Tillie Ellen Craig Oct. 8, 1903

Children

Hood, Christine Lucille and Clara Lillian b--Dec. 12, 1905  
Hood, Harold Craig b--Feb. 2, 1909  
Hood, William Leroy b--June 30, 1911  
Hood, Gertrude Eleanor b--July 7, 1915  
Hood, Christine Lucille died July 7, 1906  
Hood, Clara Lillian died Sept. 2, 1908

McCrea, Sarah Margaret, daughter of Margaret Ann (Irwin) and William McCrea Sr. b--May 31, 1849

Married John Lyall Aiken Sept. 3, 1873

Children

Aiken, Anna Isabel b--July 2, 1877  
Aiken, William McCrea b--Oct. 5, 1878  
Aiken, Verna Margaret b--Jan. 3, 1883  
Aiken, John Henry b--Oct. 10, 1886  
Eight children in all  
Aiken, Sarah Margaret died July 12, 1888  
Aiken, John Lyall died Jan. 30, 1891

Buried Winchester, Kansas.

Aiken, Anna Isabel b--July 3, 1877 married Eastwood, Henry Otis Dec. 25, 1901

Children

Eastwood, Verna Sabylla b--Sept. 13, 1902  
Eastwood, Mary Marguerite b--Dec. 24, 1904  
Eastwood, Henry Otis Jr. b--Dec. 14, 1906  
Eastwood, John Waldo b--Sept. 2, 1908  
Eastwood, Lyall William b--Dec. 22, 1912  
Eastwood, Lucy Elizabeth b--Oct. 28, 1914

Aiken, Verna Margaret b--Jan. 3, 1883 married Eastwood, James Abram Aug. 14, 1906

Children 5

Eastwood, Henry Houtz  
Eastwood, James Abram Jr. b--Dec. 25, 1909





Eastwood, Sarah Anna May b--July 25, 1912

Eastwood, Lora Margaret b--June 4, 1916

Eastwood, Verna Janet b--Jan. 30, 1921

McCrea, Walter Findley, son of Margaret Ann Irwin and William McCrea Sr.  
b--April 10, 1847

Married Margaret Hamilton March 19, 1874

Children 4

McCrea, Harriett b--Sept. 10, 1875

McCrea, Mabel b--Oct. 8, 1879

McCrea, William b--Sept. 3, 1883

McCrea, Nora b--Nov. 4, 1885

McCrea, Harriett b--Sept. 10, 1875 married Henry Hart Sept. 12, 1893

Children 4

Hart, Hazel b--Aug. 19, 1895

Hart, Ellsworth b--Sept. 4, 1897

Hart, Roy Le May b--Oct. 10, 1901

Hart, Arthur McCrea b--Feb. 4

Hart, Hazel b--Aug. 19, 1895 married Miles Klein.

Children 4

Klein, Ellis

Klein, Roberta

Klein, Wilma

McCrea, Mabel b--Oct. 8, 1879 married Alvin Milburn Dec. 25, 1919

McCrea, William b--Sept. 3, 1883 married Leora Fentiman Sept. 2, 1908

Children

McCrea, Clyde Melvin

McCrea, Nora b--Nov. 4, 1885 married Harvey England Feb. 1906

Child

England, Gladys b--Feb. 18, 1908



Irwin, Sydney Larimer, daughter of Henry Irwin and Catherine (Johnston) Irwin. B--Sept. 14, 1818 married McConnell, William Sr. March 18, 1842

Sydney S. (Irwin) McConnell died March 21, 1898

Children

McConnell, Nancy Jane b--Nov. 30, 1842, died Feb. 4, 1868

McConnell, Sarah b--July 5, 1845

McConnell, Martha b--Nov. 22, 1847

McConnell, John b--June 24, 1850

McConnell, Joseph Henry b--Oct. 11, 1854

McConnell, James Irwin b--May 11, 1857

McConnell, William C. b--March 9, 1860

Born near Port Bryan, Illinois; Rock Island co.

McConnell, John Steele b--June 24, 1860 died Jan. 13, 1927 in Iowa. Atlantic City.

McConnell, Sarah, daughter of Sydney L. (Irwin) and William McConnell Sr. born July 5, 1842. Wreath, Hamilton was born in Ireland, county Antrim. Married Dec. 14, 1864

Wreath, Hamilton was died in Jan. 31, 1891

Wreath, Sarah E. died Aug. 6, 1909

Both buried in Illinois near Port Bryan.

Children

Wreath, Walter M. b--April 6, 1865

Wreath, Clara B. b--May 27, 1871

Wreath, Jennie E. b--July 17, 1872

Wreath, James H. b--April 13, 1875

Wreath, Lottie b--Oct. 8, 1876

Wreath, S. Ross b--Nov. 11, 1881

Wreath, Joseph Irwin b--June 20, 1885

Wreath, Wilson Dudley b--Nov. 22, 1890

Born in Rock Island co., Illinois

Wreath, Walter M. b--April 6, 1865 married Holt, Martha in Aug. 20, 1899

Wreath, Viola b--June 26, 1886 married Marshall, Frank L. Dec. 22, 1908

Child

Marshall, Mildred Lanion b--Sept. 12, 1912

Wreath, Clara B. b--May 27, 1871 married Taggart, Ferdinand Sr. Dec. 21 1892

Children

Taggart, Hazel b--July 14, 1872

Taggart, Ferdinand Jr. b--Oct. 14, 1900

Wreath, Jennie E. b--July 17, 1872 married Feaster, William B. March 29, 1892

Children

Feaster, Zella L. b--Nov. 17, 1892

Feaster, Anna E. b--Oct. 2, 1894

Feaster, Ledge S. b--Nov. 10, 1896

Feaster, Howard L. b--Jan. 10, 1898





Feaster, Paul W. b--May 10, 1900  
Feaster, Bernice L. b--Dec. 10, 1902  
Feaster, Mary I. b--Dec. 11, 1905  
Feaster, Ruth W. b--Dec. 28, 1907  
Feaster, Kenneth W. b--March 19, 1911

All born near Hillsdale, Illinois. Rock Island county.

Feaster, Anna b--Oct. 2, 1894 married Boardman, Hollis Oct. 11, 1916

Children

Boardman, Janice b--Feb. 21, 1919  
Boardman, Marian b--Sept. 23, 1921  
Boardman, Reed b--March 20, 1923  
Boardman, Eunice b--Jan. 27, 1926

Feaster, Paul M. b--May 10, 1900 married Emily Cowley June 9, 1927

Wreath, Mary b--Dec. 11, 1905 married Loren, Robb Oct. 8, 1926

Wreath, James E. b--April 3, 1875 married Maud M. Wines Jan. 25, 1905.

Child

Wreath, Ford Hamilton b--Nov. 30, 1908

Lutitia Wreath b--Oct. 8, 1876 died May 11, 1916

Wreath, Ross S. b--Nov. 11, 1885 married Helen Fay Woodward Nov. 23, 1910

Child

Wreath, Rodgers b--Oct. 10, 1911

Wreath, Ross S. died Nov. 12, 1914

Born in Rock Island co., Illinois.

Wreath, Joseph I. b--June 20, 1885 married Nettie A. Donahoo March 3, 1909

Child

Wreath, Marjory Elmira b--Jan. 11, 1910

Wreath, Findley Wilson b--Nov. 22, 1890 married Cora Engel Oct. 8, 1913

McConnell, Martha, daughter of Sydney L. (Irwin) and William McConnell  
born Nov. 22, 1847 married Dec. 6, 1865 Pearsall, Jeremiah Sr.

Children

Pearsall, Caldwell b--Sept. 20, 1866  
Pearsall, Luther Irwin b--June 30, 1871  
Pearsall, Jeremiah Jr. b--May 4, 1874  
Pearsall, Cecelia b--Sept. 11, 1876  
Pearsall, Maurice Roy b--Oct. 26, 1880  
Pearsall, Louisa b--June 2, 1883

Born near Port Byron.

Pearsall, Caldwell b--Sept. 20, 1866 married Mary E. Orr Jan. 24, 1889

Pearsall, Luther Irwin b--June 30, 1871 married Ida Coffman April 17, 1895

Children

Pearsall, Alvah Le Roy b--March 29, 1898  
Pearsall, Orpha Ada b--Sept. 30, 1906

Pearsall, Alvah Le Roy b--March 29, 1898 married Cecelia Humfert May 16, 1918

Pearsall, Jeremiah Jr. b--May 4, 1874 married Mary E. Moody Feb. 13, 1901

Children

Pearsall, Howard b--Jan. 8, 1902  
Pearsall, Esther b--Sept. 30, 1904



Pearsall, Edwin b--May 26, 1915  
Pearsall, Esther b--Sept. 30, 1904 married Roland Rost July 4, 1925  
Pearsall, Cecelia b--Sept. 11, 1876 married Clive Trowbridge Nov. 26, 1897  
Children  
Trowbridge, Merrill Emerson b--July 22, 1898  
Trowbridge, Blair b--Sept. 4, 1900  
Trowbridge, Merrill Emerson b--July 22, 1898 married Hilda Hsholn July 29  
1925  
Pearsall, Maurice Roy b--Oct. 26, 1880 married Sadie May Donohare Dec. 12  
1907  
Child  
Pearsall, Harold b--June 1, 1903  
Pearsall, Louisa b--June 2, 1883 married Nicholas Smith Sept. 8, 1915  
McConnell, John Steele, son of Sydney S. (Irwin) McConnell and William  
McConnell. McConnell, John Steele b--June 14, 1880. Married Smith,  
Mary Ann July 2, 1879  
Child  
McConnell, Ella May b--May 2, 1880  
McConnell, Ella May b--May 2, 1880 married Young, Frank Feb. 8, 1899  
Children  
Young, Cynthia May b--March 12, 1900  
Young, Roy b--Jan. 27, 1903  
McConnell, John Steele (second marriage) Campbell, Ida Married Dec. 12,  
1881  
Children  
McConnell, Elsie Mabel b--Jan. 15, 1883  
McConnell, Sarah Myrtle b--July 15, 1884  
McConnell, Charles Irwin b--April 2, 1886  
McConnell, William b--Sept. 2, 1887  
McConnell, John Hanross b--Oct. 15, 1888  
McConnell, Ida Larimer b--Oct. 6, 1889  
McConnell Ray Christy b--March 2, 1892  
McConnell, Velma b--Jan. 1, 1894  
McConnell, Harold Walter b--July 26, 1895  
McConnell, Loretta b--Feb. 13, 1897  
McConnell, Lorena b--Jan. 15, 1898  
McConnell, Mabel Elsie b--Jan 15, 1883 married Abbott Wesley Stevens  
Feb. 4, 1901  
Child  
Stevens, Winnie b--June 25, 1904  
McConnell, Sarah Myrtle b--July 15, 1884 married Clarence E. Beers June  
13, 1902  
Child  
Beers, Roy Augus b--1902  
Beers, Sarah McConnell's second marriage Aug. 7, 1906 Fuller, Walter  
Charles. One child  
Fuller, Roland Walter b--Sept. 23, 1907  
McConnell, Charles Irwin b--April 2, 1886 married Caroline Jennings July  
3, 1908  
Children





McConnell, Mildred Hazel b-- Dec. 24, 1908

McConnell, Luceil Anna b-- June 1, 1911

McConnell, Ida Larimer b-- Oct. 6, 1883 married Templeman, Frank A. Oct. 21, 1908

Child

Templeman, Glenn Edward b-- June 25, 1909

McConnell, Joseph Henry son of Sidney L. (Irwin) and William McConnell Sr. born Oct. 11, 1884 married Emma Melvina Gilbert May 4 1887

Emma M. died March 28, 1927

Children

McConnell, Blanche Savilla b--Nov. 30, 1887

McConnell, Clarence Levi b-- Sept. 21, 1889

McConnell, Hazel Minetta b-- Nov. 15, 1891

McConnell, Chauncey William b--Nov. 18, 1892

McConnell, Bertha June b-- May 31 1904

McConnell, Chalmers Morrow b-- Feb. 9 1903

McConnell, Faith Lenore b-- July 18, 1904

Born near Byron Rock Island county, Illinois.

McConnell, Blanche Savilla b--Nov. 30, 1887 married Fred Vowald June 17, 1922

McConnell, Clarence Leve b-- Sept. 21, 1889 married Laurel Owens Aug. 31, 1910

McConnell, Chauncey William b--Nov. 18, 1892 married Gertrude Miller.

McConnell, Faith Lenore b--July 18, 1904 married Lonnie Elliott Dec. 24, 1927

McConnell, James Irwin, son of Sidney L. (Irwin) and William McConnell Sr. b--May, 1887 married Louise Morrison March 28, 1887

Children

McConnell, Maud b--June 17, 1888

McConnell, Laurence b--Sept. 3, 1892

McConnell, Paul b-- April 13, 1897

Born near Port Byron, Rock Island county, Illinois.

McConnell, Maud, b-- June 17, 1888 married Knox, Raymond S.

Children

Knox, Mary Louise b-- Aug. 27 1923

Knox, Paul Raymond b-- April 17 1927

McConnell Laurence b--Sept. 3, 1892 married Martha Rathbun June 15, 1923, one child

McConnell, Annie. b-- May 5, 1927

McConnell, William George, son of Sidney L. (Irwin) and William McConnell Sr. Married Fannie Matilda Asdorn Feb. 2, 1883

Children

McConnell, Frank Oscar b-- Jan. 13, 1884

McConnell, Charlotte Emily b-- March 28, 1886

McConnell, Fessie Olive b-- Feb. 11, 1887

McConnell, Grace Matilda b--Nov. 1, 1888

McConnell, Wallace William b--Sept. 4 1891

All born near Port Byron, Rock Island county, Illinois.



Mc Connell, Frank Oscar b--Jan. 13, 1884 married Mayme E. Shisler March 1 1905

Children

Mc Connell, William Wallace b--Aug. 16, 1915

Mc Connell, Glenn Oscar b--Nov. 13, 1917

Mc Connell, Charlotte Silvy b--March 23, 1885 married Justin A. Washburn April 2, 1903

Child

Washburn, Florence Viola b--Oct. 1, 1905

Mc Connell, Tessie Olive b--Feb. 20, 1887 married John Oscar Sell Dec. 21 1905

Children

Sell, Georgia Consuelo b--Jan. 4, 1909

Sell, Genevieve Olive b--Sept. 6, 1915

Sell, Chester Orville b--Oct. 28, 1923

Mc Connell, Grace Matilda b--Nov. 1, 1888 married Chester Woolner Hinds Nov. 18, 1908

Children

Hinds, Marjorie Matilda b--Oct. 20, 1909

Hinds, George Thomas b--Nov. 11, 1919

Hinds, Edwin b--Sept. 14, 1923

Mc Connell, Wallace William b--Sept. 4, 1891 married Sophia Fillmer June 18, 1913

Children

Mc Connell, Robert Wasley b--Nov. 7, 1919





Irwin, John Jr., son of Catherine (Johnston) and Henry Irwin b--June 14, 1821 married Martha Buchanah Aug. 20, 1845.

Children

Irwin, David Wilson b--May 10, 1851  
Irwin, James Larimer b--Sept. 1, 1853  
Irwin, Elizabeth Ann b--Feb. 6, 1855  
Irwin, Elinor Hetty b--Sept. 30, 1861  
Irwin, Addie Belle b--March 20, 1863  
Irwin, John Jr. died Sept. 9, 1898

Born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Irwin, David Wilson b--May 10, 1851 married Cynthia Watson Dec. 1873

Children

Irwin, Alta May b--Oct. 20, 1874  
Irwin, John Henry b--Feb. 15, 1877  
Irwin, William Francis b--Oct. 6, 1878  
Irwin, Emma Pearl b--Dec. 14, 1880  
Irwin, Anna Gertrude b--Oct. 1, 1885

Born near Akron, Colorado

Irwin, David Wilson died May 11, 1923

Irwin, Cynthia died March 28, 1914

Irwin, Alta May b--Oct. 20, 1874 married Tuttle, Perry Oct. 3, 1900

Children

Tuttle, George William b--June 24, 1906  
Tuttle, Mary Grace b--Aug. 2, 1908  
Tuttle, Ethel May b--Dec. 7, 1910  
Tuttle, Edna Elinor b--April 9, 1916

Born in Clarke County, Iowa

Irwin, John Henry b--Feb. 15, 1877, married Pearl Tuttle Sept. 26, 1899

Child

Irwin, Earl b--Sept. 12, 1903

John Irwin died Dec. 31, 1902

Irwin, William Francis b--6 1878 married Caroline E. Wedemeyer Aug. 12, 1908

Children

Irwin, Harold Francis b--May 23, 1909  
Irwin, Elmer William b--Aug. 5, 1910  
Irwin, Wilburt James b--March 2, 1915

Born in Akron, Colorado.

Irwin, Pearl b--Dec. 14, 1880 married Tipton Brewster Jan. 1, 1912

Irwin, Gertrude Anna b--Oct. 1, 1885 married RoyD. Ridgnay April 30, 1907

Children

Ridgnay, Chester Delyle b--April 14, 1909  
Ridgnay, Norma Blanche b--Oct. 2, 1911  
Ridgnay, Lois Fay b--Nov. 20, 1912

All one family, children and grand-children

Irwin, James Larimer b--Sept. 1, 1932 married Rachel Robertson Sept. 2, 1974

Children

Irwin, Rachel Etta b--Aug. 12, 1875





Irwin, William E. B--Sept. 6, 1888

Irwin, Rachel Etta B--Aug. 12, 1875 married John Andrew Hogan April 10, 1911  
Children

Hogan, Edan Etta B--Oct. 30, 1912

Hogan, Rachel Delores B--May 10, 1914

Irwin, William E. B--Sept. 6, 1888 married Orista Allen Aug. 24, 1915  
Child

Irwin, Gladys Irene B--Aug. 12, 1922

Irwin, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of John Jr. and Martha Irwin b--Feb. 6, 1866  
married Adams, Robert Sept. 5, 1877

Children

Adams, Thomas Ralph b--April 28, 1878

Adams, Zetta Martha b-- July 8, 1880

Born near Osceola, Iowa.

Adams, Robert died Oct. 11, 1916

Adams, Elizabeth Ann died Oct. 22, 1916

Adams, Zetta Martha died Aug. 5, 1917

Irwin, Hetty Elinor b--Sept. 30, 1861 married Charles C. Arnold June 15, 1881

Irwin, Addie Belle b--March 20, 1863 married Lyman C. Hanning March 11, 1884

Children

Hanning, Ebert Trees b--Jan. 4, 1886

Hanning, Wallace Totten b--June 24, 1894

Hanning, Ebert Trees b--Jan. 4, 1886 married Emily Roberts Aug. 17, 1921



Irwin, Martha, daughter of Catherine (Johnston) and Irwin, Henry b--Aug. 9, 1825 married Alexander Young Buchanan Dec. 5, 1854

Children

Buchanan, James Henry b--March 9, 1856

Buchanan, Margaret Ella b--Feb. 4, 1858

Buchanan, John Irwin b--July 25, 1860

Born in Westmoreland co., Pennsylvania

Buchanan, Martha (Irwin) died Dec. 23, 1884

Buchanan, Alexander died Aug. 30, 1905

Both are buried in Farmington, Illinois cemetery.

Buchanan, James Henry died April 29, 1920 and is buried in Greeley, Colorado cemetery.

Buchanan, James Henry b--March 9, 1856 married Elizabeth Shofe Sept. 1, 1880

Children

Buchanan, Harry Duane b--July 15, 1882

Buchanan, Russell Shofe b--July 9, 1889

Buchanan, Harry D. b--July 15, 1882 married Feoora Jametta De Rouido April 25, 1903

Buchanan, Russell Shofe b--July 9, 1889 married Ruby Meeker Oct. 1, 1913

Children

Buchanan, Robert Meeker b--July 16, 1914 died Aug. 25, 1918

Buchanan, Howard Alexander b--Jan. 16, 1916

Buchanan, William Russell b--March 5, 1918

Buchanan, Harry Eugene b--Dec. 7, 1920

Buchanan, Elizabeth Jane b--Nov. 29, 1922

Buchanan, Frank James b--May 29, 1925

Born near Freeley, Colorado

Buchanan, Margaret Ella b--Feb. 4, 1858 married William J. Van Petten Aug. 20, 1879

Children

Van Petten, Albert Alexander b--June 9, 1883

Van Petten, Robert Milton b--Oct. 31, 1886

Van Petten, Oliver William b--Aug. 25, 1891

Van Petten, Albert Alexander b--June 9, 1898 married Jessye Douglas Gurney Nov. 6, 1907

Children

Van Petten, William Douglas b--April 22, 1910

Van Petten, Willa Margaret b--Sept. 2, 1912

Van Petten, Alberta Gurney b--June 13, 1917

Van Petten, Jeanne b--Oct. 24, 1918

Van Petten, Albert Alexander died Nov. 27, 1927 in Havana, Cuba.

Van Petten, Robert Milton b--Oct. 31, 1886 married Inez Turell April 24, 1914

Children

Van Petten, Margaret Turell b--Nov. 16, 1917

Van Petten, George Turell b--Jan. 12, 1921

Van Petten, Oliver William b--Aug. 25, 1891 married Mary Faith Archer





May 18, 1921

Children

Van Petten, Oliver William Jr. b--Feb. 4, 1922

Van Petten, Albert Archer b--Jan. 26, 1925

Van Petten, Emily Margaret b--May 30, 1928

Buchanan, John Irwin b--July 28, 1860 married Zillah Hall Dec. 20, 1882

No children



Irwin, John, son of John Irwin Sr. and Margaret Fulton b--1788. Died 1879. Being 91 years old is buried in Round Hill cemetery near Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. His first wife was Sarah La Fever, daughter of Minard La Fever who was with Washington and Lafayette in the Revolution. To this union 10 children were born.

Irwin, Harriet  
 Irwin, Margaret  
 Irwin, John Brady  
 Irwin, Joseph La Fever  
 Irwin, Charity Elinor  
 Irwin, Mary Catherine  
 Irwin, Rebecca Ann  
 Irwin, Susan  
 Irwin, Martha  
 Irwin, Henry Fulton

All born in Allegheney Co., Pennsylvania

Sarah La Fever born 1793 died in 1832 and presume she is buried in Round Hill cemetery.

Irwin, John (second wife) married Ann McConnell. To this union six children were born.

Irwin, Sarah Alice  
 Irwin, Finley Douglas  
 Irwin, Dianna  
 Irwin, Loressa Jane  
 Irwin, William Wilson  
 Irwin, Annaretus.

Irwin, Harriet, daughter of John Irwin and Sarah La Fever married Hezekiah D. Gamble

10 children

Gamble, Mary married S. Bell  
 Gamble, John married M. Boyd  
 Gamble, James H. married R. Harrison  
 Gamble, Sarah married Adam McConnell  
 Gamble, Rebecca married D. Risher  
 Gamble, Elizabeth married C. C. Taylor  
 Gamble, H. Douthell married E. B. Hair  
 Gamble, Margaret not married  
 Gamble, Martha married Reverend H. Botter  
 Gamble, Celia C. married E. A. Richards.

Born near McKees Port, Pennsylvania

Irwin, Margaret J., daughter of John Irwin and Sarah La Fever married Samuel Harvey Gamble. Six children

Gamble, Sarah married Calet Edmundson  
 Gamble, Harriet married John Gridenthal  
 Gamble, Oliver married H. Hill  
 Gamble, John Henry married Mary j. Reynolds  
 Gamble, Rebecca Jane married William B. Hayden  
 Gamble, James Harvey married Margaret McKinney

Allegheney Co., Pennsylvania

Irwin, John Brady married Martha Cace.





Nine children

Irwin, Nancy married F. Ball  
Irwin, Rosella married Frank York  
Irwin, Joseph  
Irwin, Harry  
Irwin, Daniel R.  
Irwin, Mary  
Irwin, William  
Irwin, Sarah Way  
Irwin, James G.

Peoria co., Illinois.

Irwin, Joseph La Fever married Mrs. Jane Westby Findley  
One child

Irwin, Harvey Austin

Irwin, Harvey Austin married Mary Torrance  
One child

Harry Lawry Irwin

Ohio

Irwin, Charity Elinor never married.

Irwin, Mary Catherine married 1st Thomas Clark

Four children

Clark, Eunigle  
Clark, Maggie C.  
Clark, Duan  
Clark, Olive Jane

McKees Port.

Irwin, Mary Catherine 2nd marriage Thomas Penny

No children

Irwin, Rebecca Ann died infancy

Irwin, Susan married Eli McClaughlin

Three children

McClaughlin, Sarah  
McClaughlin, Margaret  
McClaughlin, James

Elizabeth, Pennsylvania

Irwin, Martha married 1st Snicclair Edmundson

Four children

Edmundson, Preasley E. married Sarah Spilkes  
Edmundson, Harvey Gamble married Alice Straight  
Edmundson, Sarah Jane never married  
Edmundson, Findley never married

Farmington, Illinois

Irwin, Martha 2nd husband, James Ralston

Irwin, Henry Fulton married Eliza Peel

2 children

Irwin, Myrtle Bell married Spencer Sterling  
Irwin, Susan Dell married Edward Redfern

Princeville, Illinois

Irwin, John Jr., son of John and Margaret (Fulton) Irwin. Second wife was Ann McConnell. Sister to James McConnell who married Catherine Irwin wife of Henry Irwin(deceased) as you see the Irwins and McConnells





were almost doubly related and lived many many years as relatives and neighbors in the "forks of the Goughangny river."  
Had 6 children

Irwin, Sarah Alice who married Thomas Wilson had six children.

Wilson, Anna Bell unmarried.

Wilson, Samuel T. married Alice Rumbold

Wilson, Susan unmarried

Wilson, Loressa J. married Wiley Atwood.

Wilson, Nora married Herbert Mitchell

Wilson, Irwin married Ada Dawson

Irwin, Finley Douglas unmarried Peper City, Illinois

Irwin, Dianna unmarried

Irwin, Loressa Jane unmarried

Irwin, William Wilson married Nora McKenney. 8 children

Irwin, Albert Frank married Lida Lutz

Irwin, Harry Anna married Harry McFadden.

Irwin, John married Helen Hopwood

Irwin, Margaret died in infancy.

Irwin, Marriano married Susan Beazell.

Irwin, Harriet married Charles Parker. 2 children

Patricia Parker

Jane Parker

Irwin, Annaretus married John Wilson. 9 children

Wilson, Eduard Elizabeth married Robert Jennings.

Wilson, Clyde married Ella Glenn

Wilson, Herbert married Laura Moore

Wilson, Ersking married Edith Hansen

Wilson, Mae Le unmarried

Wilson, John Elmer married Lilla Snedaker.

Wilson, Ralph unmarried

Wilson, Floyd unmarried



World war Record:

Eastwood, James Abram Jr., son of James Eastwood Jr. and Verna Aiken. Born Dec. 25, 1909. Was in World War Y. M. C. A. work from July 3, 1918 to July 17, 1919, serving as educational S. A. T. C. an assistant secretary Camp Cody, New Mexico. Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas and Camp Bowie, Texas.

World War Record:

Irwin, William E., Son of James L. and Rachel (Robertson) Irwin. Born Sept. 6, 1888 near Osceola, Iowa. Enlisted Sept. 21, 1917-Co. A 159th infantry 35th division, France, where he took part in those heroic battles. Discharged May 7, 1919

World War Record:

Hanning, Wallace T., son of Addie Belle (Irwin) and Lyman C. Hanning. Born June 24, 1894 in Nebraska. Volunteered service in World War. Enlisted at Denver, Colorado, July 3, 1917 and was with Base Hospital 29 in London also worked in France. Discharged Sept. 20, 1919 at Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

World War Records:

Van Petten, Oliver William, son of William J. and Margaret M. (Buchanan) Van Petten. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1917 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Second officers training camp, candidate officer training instructor, Third officers training camp, Camp Funston, Kansas. Attached Battery A 342 field artillery Sept. 6, 1918. Graduated School of Fire. Assigned 36 field artillery, Camp McClelland, Alabama, Sept. 1, 1918. Appointed Lieutenant Reconnaissance officer 36 field artillery. Sept. 28, 1918 instructor in Brigade Orientation. Feb. 6, 1919 discharged at Camp McClelland, Alabama.

World War Record:

McConnell, Lawrence, son of James (Irwin) and Louise (Morrison) McConnell. Born Sept. 3, 1892 near Fort Byron, Cook Island Co., Illinois. Enlisted May 24, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri. Drilled at the Great lakes and was discharged Feb. 9, 1919. Was in the Navy.

World War Record:

Pearsall, Abraham Roy, son of Luther Irwin and Ida (Coffman) Pearsall. Enlisted May. 3, 1917 Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, Medical Department. of the United States Army. Served at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Served in England and France. Attached

to the 26th division in

France. Gassed near Toul, France Aug. 1918. Discharged March 1, 1919 Camp Grant, Illinois with rank of Sergeant. Did first aid and surgical work on field and in operation room. His wife, Cecelia (Hammers) Pearsall, R. N., served in the army nurses corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and New York City from Jan. 1918 until July 1919. Was refused overseas service because of marriage.

World War Record:

McConnell, James Paul, son of James Irwin and Louise (Morrison) McConnell. Born April 15, 1897. Enlisted June 15, 1917 At Wichita, Kansas. Trained





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at Camp Duniphan, Oklahoma. Battery F, 130th field artillery--35th division. Sailed for France from New York on the "George Washington" March 30, 1918. Saw service in Alsace-Lorraine, St. Mihiel, Argonne Drive, and when Armistice was signed was on the front near Verdun. Sailed from France on April 13, 1919. Discharged from Camp Funston, May 11, 1919. Held rank of Corporal when discharged.

World War Record:

Trowbridge, Merrill Emerson, son of Cecelie (Pearsall) and Clive Trowbridge born November 25, 1898 near Hillsdale, Illinois. Enlisted in 1918. He was in the S.A.T.C. at State University of Illinois. He was packed ready to go over seas when Armistice was signed.

World War Record:

McCrea, John William, son of Robb and Ida Dill McCrea. Born March 3, 1897. near Winchester, Kansas. Enlisted at Kansas City, Missouri July 22, 1918. Went over seas Oct. 17, 1918. Co. K. 3rd Battalion Regiment 2nd division of U.S. Inf. A.M.E.T. in Germany. Discharged at Marine Barracks, Quarnieco, Virginia Aug. 18, 1919.



# The David Findley Family.

Findley is a name quite common in the colonial history of our country. Early in the 18th century there were settlers in Eastern Pennsylvania and Virginia bearing the name. They were associated with the Scots, Spears, Calbraiths, and other pioneer families as indian traders, wilderness scouts, and farmers. Later on we find among the Finleys preachers, educators, engineers, soldiers, and statesmen. The name has a variety of spellings, as Findley, Findlay, Finley, and Finly: sometimes the name of the same person is spelled in different ways. But all appear to have come from a common stock in Scotland and the North of Ireland.

William Findley, from whom our branch of the family descended resided in County Antrim, Ireland. His older sons having emigrated to America, our ancestor followed them in 1774 with the remaining members of his family. His son, William Findley, of Latrobe, Pa., says, that while under his father's roof he had the advantage of a larger library of books than was possessed by most of his neighbors, books on church history and divinity. He also writes that his father came over late in life and was well received. From this, it is fair to suppose, that his father was a minister. The elder William was twice married, his second wife being a widow by the name of Drenen. As a result of his second marriage his family was composed of three groups, namely:

(Abel, who stayed in Ireland, but was represented in America  
by his son, Archibald who married Mary Poe.  
Children by (James, born in 1740 and came to America in 1768.  
first wife (William, born in 1642 came to America in 1763, married Mary  
(Cochran and, after her death, re. Mary Carothers,  
(Daniel, who came to America in 1762.

Children of (The Drenen's were a numerous family and were associated with  
Mrs. Drenen (the Findleys in their later history. Mary Drenen, a  
by her first (grand-daughter of the widow, Drenen, married Thomas John-  
husband. (son, latterly of Monmouth, Ills. "Uncle Tommie", as he  
(was called, had two sisters who married Wallace, namely,  
(Mary the wife of Rev. William Wallace, of Indiana, and  
(Margaret, the wife of Rev. Samuel Wallace.

Children by (Margaret, who married David Bigger. Their son, David was the  
second wife (father of Rev. Matthew Bigger, Chaplain during the civil  
(war, who died at Bushnell, Ill., in 1872. Matthew was the  
(father of Rev. David B. Bigger, of Illinois.  
(David (3) a sketch of whose life is given below.  
(Jane, who married a man by the name of McConnell.





David Findley

David Findley, the son of the elder William Findley and his second wife, Martha Drenen, was born in 1762 in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to America with his father in 1774. For a time he resided with his father and family in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. In 1780 or 1781 David crossed the mountains and settled in the "Forks of Yough," in that portion of Westmoreland county which in 1788 was organized as Allegheny co. Here he was a land owner, his name being on the tax list of Elizabeth township, and in the census of 1790 he is numbered among the heads of families.

The year of 1782 was time of unrest along the Western frontier. The country was still at war with Great Britain and the Indian allies of the British were making furious attacks upon the scattered settlements. Hannastown, the capital of Westmoreland, was burned by the Indians, and all along the border many settlers with their families were killed. In the campaign of this year the Westmoreland militia was called into service and on the roll of its soldiers are the names of David Findley, Mathew Mithell, John Drennen, and James Scott.

In 1806 David Findley, true to the pioneer spirit of his people, moved again with his family to Muskingum county, Ohio, settling in Union township. This township was surveyed in 1793 and its first settler was William Hardy, Henry Reasoner, a family by the name of Wilson and David Findley. Here David Findley purchased land of Henry Reasoner, who had entered a tract two years before. The first houses in the settlement were built of logs and roofed with clapboards held down with weighted poles, but David Findley had the distinction of being the first among his neighbors to cover his house with lap shingles held in place with wrought iron nails. They were said to have been the first shingle nails used in the county outside of Zanesville.

In the History of Muskingum County a number of interesting things are mentioned about our ancestor. The first Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in that region held its first meetings in his barn; also he had the first distillery. He was Associate Judge of his county from 1816 to 1820. In 1828 the town of New Concord was laid out on a portion of his farm, along the line of the national road.

Our ancestor seems to have been a man of quick temper, at times stern and brusque in his manner, but of great kindness of disposition. It is related of him that one year when there had been a general failure of the harvest he was fortunate in having a good crop of wheat. One day a stranger from a distant place came to him to buy some seed for planting. Mr. Findley asked him if he had the money to pay for the wheat. The stranger replied by pulling the gold out of his pocket. "Then," said Mr. Findley, "go over yonder to my neighbor, he will sell you wheat for your money, I am saving mine for some poor devil who has no money."

Mr. Findley was not an abolitionist or a reformer in the modern sense; yet he was highly esteemed for his integrity and public spirit; he was one of the men who "won the West," laying in the wilderness foundations of industry, education, and religion, upon which have been builded the free institutions of a Christian community.





David Findley married Jane Mitchell April 17, 1787. They had ten children one of whom was a baby in his mother's arms when the family took the trail for their Ohio home. Their children were; Mary, David, Matthew, Abel, William, John, Samuel, James, Martha, Thomas.

Abel Findley, a son of David (S) and his wife Jane Mitchell, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pa., Feb. 27, 1795. He resided in Muskingum county, Ohio and in Warren county, near Monmouth, Ill., where he died in 1876. He married Nov. 6, 1817 Mary Irwin (Erwin).

Their children were

Mary Jane (Oburn) 1818-1817;	Margaret (Henderson) 1820-1829;
Martha (Atcheson) 1822-1902;	David 1823-1900;
John 1824-1833;	Susannah 1827-1833;
Sarah 1828-1833;	Samuel 1831-1908;
Susannah Douglas (Hawthorne) 1834-1863;	James 1837;

Samuel Findley, educator and journalist, a son of Abel Findley and his wife Mary Irwin, was born in 1831, in Muskingum county, Ohio and died in 1908. He resided at Xenia, Cleveland, and Akron, Ohio. He married March 31, 1853 Mary R. Harvie. Their children are

William Clarence, Kokomo, Indiana  
Alvin Irwin, New York City  
Rena E., Akron, Ohio  
Laura M. (Mrs. James A. Muir) Port Huron, Mich.  
Edwin L., Cleveland, Ohio  
Samuel Emerson, Cleveland, Ohio

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In compiling this work in regard to the Irwin family in both Europe and America I have been compelled to resort to the Scotch history and early Archives, contained in historical libraries in Pennsylvania. I also searched church records and cemeteries in different parts of Pennsylvania in which the earlier families resided and was also ably assisted by living descendants of those families. I also add this documentary evidence to the correctness of descent. John Irwin, private in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania "Frontier rangers 1778-1833" appears on pages 625 to 629, here spelled (John Irvine), of series five volume four, Pennsylvania Archives. This same list is also to be found in series three volume twenty three where the name John Irvine appears on page 259 and as John Erivine on page 267, also page 289. These variations in spelling do not in our estimation make any difference in the identity of the individual. This verification comes from Emma D. Poole, librarian of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania located at Pittsburgh. After ten years research completed Nov. 1, 1929. Margaret E. (Buchanan) Van Petten. Colton, California.

















